THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1931

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL HAS NOW COMPLETED EIGHTY YEARS OF SERVICE, AND THE YEAR JUST GONE HAS, IN SOME RESPECTS, BEEN MOST NOTABLE OF ALL. THE GENERAL WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, WHICH IS REPORTED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE AND LONGEST CONTINUED IN RECORDED HISTORY, HAS THROWN UPON THE ASSOCIATION AN UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND FOR SERVICE. UNLIKE MANY BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, THE Y.M.C.A. IN TIMES OF DEPRESSION HAS EVEN MORE CALLS UPON IT THAN IN NORMAL YEARS. YOUNG MEN HAVE MORE LEISURE TIME AND BECAUSE OF THE EXIGENCIES OF THE SITUATION, ARE MUCH MORE SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR USE OF IT. HUNDREDS OF THEM, OUT OF EMPLOYMENT, OR ONLY PARTIALLY EMPLOYED, COME TO THE "Y" WITH BAFFLING AND DIFFCULT PROBLEMS OF ALMOST EVERY KIND; AND BOYS, WHO AT NORMAL TIMES REMAIN IN SCHOOL, ARE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR STUDIES IN ORDER TO TAKE THE PLACE OF BREADWINNERS IN THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF WORK.

ALONG WITH THIS GREATER DEMAND FOR SERVICE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES, OR IN SUBSCRIPTIONS. MANY HOMES HAVE FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET EVEN THE SMALLEST MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THEIR BOYS. YOUNG MEN IN RESIDENCE IN THE "Y" HAVE TEMPORARILY LOST THEIR JOBS AND WHILE FINDING ANOTHER POSITION, HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN PAYING THEIR ROOM RENTS. STUDENTS IN THE EVENING COLLEGE HAVE FOUND IT HARD TO MEET THEIR PAYMENTS FOR TUITION FEES ON ACCOUNT OF REDUCED EARNINGS. THESE GENERAL CONDITIONS, COMBINED WITH THE FACT THAT THE ASSOCIATION REMODELLED THE CENTRAL BUILDING AND COMPLETED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LARGEST OF ITS CONTEMPLATED THREE NEW BUILDINGS, HAVE MADE THE YEAR A RATHER TRYING ONE. UNUSUALLY HEAVY DEMANDS HAVE BEEN MADE UPON THE PATIENCE, TACT AND COURAGE OF LAYMEN AND STAFF, BUT THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS THE Y.M.C.A. WITH ITS MANY-SIDED WORK, HAS HAD A GOOD YEAR AND HAS PROVIDED A STEADYING INFLUENCE AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH HAS BEEN OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN MAINTAINING THE MORALE OF THE COMMUNITY.

FOREIGN SERVICE:

ONLY IN TWO PREVIOUS YEARS HAS A LARGER AMOUNT OF MONEY BEEN SUBSCRIBED IN MONTREAL TOWARD THE MAINTENANCE OF CANADIAN SECRETARIES IN THE FOREIGN FIELD. THE AMOUNT RAISED BY US LAST YEAR WAS $21,720.11, A DECREASE OF $5,508.76 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926
METROPOLITAN	$16,557.00	21,635.00	14,410.90	17,027.91	31,469.75 /
CENTRAL	2,135.45	2,700.00	4,001.10	3,185.73	2,795.12
WESTMOUNT	1,514.72	1,500.65	1,225.00	1,040.75	1,029.41
NORTH	484.50	550.32	292.00	242.83	384.67
INTERNATIONAL	407.00	500.00	397.50	250.00	160.00
SOUTHWESTERN	216.62	102.36	52.25	70.00	35.00
KANAWANA	145.00	52.00	63.60	63.44	73.00
POINT ST.CHARLES	130.00	100.00	135.00	101.00	140.00
MOUNT ROYAL AVE.	100.50	37.95	15.00	55.00	45.00
OTOREKE	29.32	50.59	36.25	.....	.....
ST. PAUL	.....	.....	.....	57.00	51.88
McGILL MISSION	.....	.....	.....	43.62	656.03
	$21,720.11	27,888.87	20,627.60	22,147.28	36,839.86 /

/ INCLUDED SPECIAL GIFT OF $10,000.00 FROM THE LATE MR. HENRY BIRKS.

THE PREVAILING ECONOMIC DEPRESSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION WITH THE RESULT THAT THE BOOKS WERE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 30TH WITH A DEFICIT OF APPROXIMATELY $250,000.00. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SECURE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN THE ASSOCIATION'S INFLUENCE IN THE THIRTY-ONE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHERE IT IS OPERATING, AND AT THE SAME TIME EFFECT EVERY POSSIBLE ECONOMY IN ADMINISTRATION.

ADDRESSES ON THE WORLD-WIDE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION WERE GIVEN BY MR. FRANCIS HARMON, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES, AT A LUNCHEON IN THE UNIVERSITY CLUB GIVEN BY DR. FRED. J. TEES; BY MR. W.W. FRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOREIGN SERVICE COMMITTEE, AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN IN THE ST. JAMES CLUB BY MR. T.B. MACAULAY; BY MR. A.L. MILLER, LAHORE; BY MR. D.J. VAN BOMMEL; BY MR. E.J. COOPER, A LAYMAN FROM MINNEAPOLIS; BY MR. ROBT. O. BUELL, OF COLOMBO; AND BY DR. G. SHERWOOD EDDY, WHO DELIVERED ADDRESSES AT THE WINDSOR HOTEL, STRATHCONA HALL AND THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH.

A NUMBER OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WERE ALSO FILLED BY MR. CHAS. S. PATERSON OF CALCUTTA, WHO SPENT SIX MONTHS IN MONTREAL ON FURLOUGH.

IN ADDITION TO THESE EVENTS, A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WERE HELD IN HONOR OF OUR PRESIDENT, MR. GERALD W. BIRKS, WHO RETURNED FROM THE FAR EAST IN APRIL. THE LUNCHEON IN THE MOUNT ROYAL CLUB IN JUNE, AT WHICH MR. F.N. SOUTHAM WAS HOST, WAS OF A PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL CHARACTER.

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE, MR. ROBERT O. BUELL, OF THE STAFF OF THE Y.M.C.A., COLOMBO, CEYLON, CAME TO

MONTREAL TO SPEND A YEAR AS A MEMBER OF OUR STAFF, IN OBSERVATION, STUDY AND WORK. HE IS THE FOURTH SECRETARY FROM INDIA TO WHOM A FELLOWSHIP HAS BEEN GRANTED DURING THE LAST SIX YEARS.

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT MR. G. ERNEST TRUEMAN, A CANADIAN WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE LEADING SECRETARIES OF THE ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS, HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BECOME ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY, THIS APPOINTMENT TO TAKE EFFECT IN THE EARLY AUTUMN.

IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT DR. SHERWOOD EDDY, UPON REACHING THE AGE OF RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARYSHIP, TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AFTER THE SINGULARLY ABLE AND USEFUL DEDICATION OF THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE FOREIGN WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION ENTIRELY AT HIS OWN CHARGES.

AS THIS REPORT IS BEING WRITTEN, WORD HAS COME FROM INDIA OF THE DEATH OF MR. K.T. PAUL, WHO FROM 1914 UNTIL 1930 WAS NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION. MR. PAUL WAS SELECTED BY THE VICEROY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INDIAN ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE, WHICH ADJOURNED RECENTLY IN LONDON, WHERE HE MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THAT BODY. BY HIS DEATH THE Y.M.C.A. IN INDIA HAS LOST A TRUSTED LEADER AND THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY MOVEMENT ONE WHOSE COUNSEL WAS HIGHLY VALUED. HIS DEATH HAS OCCURRED AT A TIME WHEN HE HAD ENTERED UPON WHAT PROMISED TO BE A NEW PUBLIC CAREER OF GREAT USEFULNESS TO THE NATIONAL LIFE OF INDIA.

PROGRESS OF NEW BUILDINGS:

TWO MONTHS AFTER THE NEW SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH BUILDING WAS OPENED, THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWELVE STOREY EVENING COLLEGE AND RESIDENCE BUILDING ON STANLEY STREET AND THE REMODELLING OF THE EXISTING BUILDING ON DRUMMOND STREET WHICH WAS OPENED IN 1912. THE PROJECT WAS AN UNUSUALLY DIFFICULT ONE FROM AN ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL POINT OF VIEW. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT BUILDING WAS ON PILES, ANXIETY WAS FELT AS TO THEIR CONDITION WHEN THEY WERE EXPOSED IN ORDER TO EFFECT THE NECESSARY HOOK-UP WITH THE NEW BUILDING.

FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE POINT OF VIEW, TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH, WITH SOME 3,000 MEMBERS AND THE HOST OF TRANSIENTS WHO STREAMED INTO OUR BUILDING DAILY, WHILE THE RE-PIPING OF THE ENTIRE BUILDING, THE RE-ARRANGING OF ROOMS, PLASTERING, PAINTING AND PLUMBING WORK WAS BEING CARRIED OUT, WAS A TASK OF GREAT MAGNITUDE.

IT REQUIRED A GOOD DEAL OF COURAGE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN THE FACE OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH WERE DELAYING PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BUILDING FUND PLEDGES, TO FACE SO HEAVY AN OBLIGATION AS THE EXPENDITURE OF NEARLY $1,000,000.00 WHICH THIS PROJECT INVOLVED.

IT WAS, HOWEVER, A MATTER OF GREAT URGENCY THAT THE OLD BOILER ROOM EQUIPMENT BE REPLACED AND THE HOT

WATER PIPES THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING BE RENEWED; ALSO, THAT THE NEW LABORATORIES AND SOME OF THE NEW CLASSROOMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1ST IN ORDER THAT STUDENTS WHO WERE TAKING THE FULL HIGH SCHOOL COURSE IN THE COLLEGE SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR EVENING STUDIES INTERRUPTED. THAT THE COLLEGE WAS ABLE TO OPEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL TERM WITH AN EVEN GREATER ENROLMENT THAN LAST YEAR REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON ALL CONCERNED. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE TRANSFORMATION WROUGHT IN THE OLD BUILDING DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, ESPECIALLY ON THE THIRD FLOOR, WAS AN AMAZING ONE AND MADE THE COLLEGE ONE OF THE FINEST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN OUR CITY.

SOME THREE MONTHS LATER THE REMODELLING OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH WAS COMPLETED AND MADE A NOTABLE IMPROVEMENT IN ITS FACILITIES. IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE WAS A MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL SOCIAL LOBBY AND MEMBERS' SOCIAL ROOM. OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED THE BETTER ARRANGEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES; NEW CHECKING ROOM FACILITIES; REMODELLING OF THE AUDITORIUM WITH A NEW FOYER AT THE ENTRANCE; NEW DRESSING ROOMS BEHIND THE AUDITORIUM STAGE; NEW LOCKER ROOMS AND SHOWER BATHS FOR BOYS, MEN, AND THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN'S CLUB; TWO HANDICRAFT ROOMS FOR BOYS; THREE NEW HANDBALL COURTS; NEW CHESS AND CHECKER TABLES IN THE BILLIARD ROOM; MODERN SODA FOUNTAIN AND LUNCHEONETTE; AND COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FOR A NEW INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SERVICE ROOM WITH TWO ULTRA VIOLET LAMPS, AN INFRA RED LAMP, AN ELECTRIC BATH CABINET, AND A MASSAGE TABLE ALL IN CHARGE OF A SWEDISH MASSEUR.

ON MARCH 31ST, THE CONTRACT WAS COMPLETED AND THE BUILDING READY FOR THE NUMEROUS PROGRAM EVENTS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE FORMAL OPENING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH.

THE COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING MARKED AN INTERESTING AND UNIQUE MILESTONE IN THE ASSOCIATION'S HISTORY. IT IS INTERESTING IN THAT THE BUILDING IS LOCATED IN THE LARGEST CITY IN CANADA AND IS THE LARGEST ASSOCIATION BUILDING IN THE DOMINION. IT IS UNIQUE, BECAUSE OF THE INTIMATE RELATION WHICH THE RESIDENCE ROOMS AND COLLEGE HAVE TO OUR EIGHT BRANCHES, IT BEING THE POLICY OF THEASSOCIATION TO CENTRALIZE ITS RESIDENCE ROOMS AND FORMAL EDUCATIONAL WORK.

WE DESIRE TO RECORD THAT THE METROPOLITAN BUILDING COMMITTEE, WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROJECT, AS WELL AS THE OTHER BUILDINGS, HAVE ALREADY HELD SEVENTY FORMAL MEETINGS AND A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF INFORMAL MEETINGS.

AS WAS THE CASE IN THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, THE NEW BUILDING HAS COMBINED ART AND COLOR WITH UTILITY IN A MASTERFUL WAY. IN THE ASSOCIATION BUILDINGS OF TO-DAY AN EARNEST ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO SECURE AN ARTISTIC AND HOMELIKE ATMOSPHERE WITH THE RESULT THAT A REFINEMENT IS TAKING PLACE IN BOTH ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM, WHICH, UNDOUBTEDLY, WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE CHARACTER OF OUR CONSTITUENTS.

THE BUILDING IS MECHANICALLY EFFICIENT IN ITS HEATING, LIGHTING AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT, THE HEATING PLANT BEING A GIFT OF ONE OF THE LARGER CORPORATIONS AND REPRESENTING AN IMPORTANT FINANCIAL SAVING TO THE ASSOCIATION.

THE SKY-LINES OF THE CITY IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEEN MARKED BY CATHEDRALS OF COMMERCE AND FINANCE, AND IT IS FITTING THAT THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION SHOULD MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE DAY BY ERECTING CATHEDRALS OF YOUTH.

RESIDENCE BUILDING:

DURING THE YEAR THAT HAS ELAPSED, OVER 3,200 DIFFERENT MEN OCCUPIED OUR RESIDENCE ROOMS IN THE DRUMMOND STREET, WESTMOUNT AND NORTH BRANCH BUILDINGS, THERE BEING AN AVERAGE OF 215 MEN EACH NIGHT. ON THE 26TH OF FEBRUARY, FORTY-FOUR ROOMS WERE ADDED TO THE ACCOMMODATION, MAKING THE FIRST ADDITION TO OUR RESIDENCE ACCOMMODATION SINCE 1912.

THE ASSOCIATION NOW HAS A TOTAL OF 624 ROOMS AS FOLLOWS:

DRUMMOND-STANLEY STREET.....	568
WESTMOUNT.....	28
NORTH.....	28
	624

IT IS INTERESTING TO COMPARE THIS EQUIPMENT WITH THE OTHER LARGE CITIES ON THE CONTINENT:

CHICAGO.....	6,198
NEW YORK.....	3,483
BROOKLYN.....	2,037
DETROIT.....	1,355
PHILADELPHIA.....	1,109
SAN FRANCISCO.....	1,081
BUFFALO.....	971
ST. LOUIS.....	787
PITTSBURGH.....	749

IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE MEN LIVING IN THE "Y" ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE, THE AVERAGE BEING 22. THIS RESIDENCE ROOMS SERVICE IS OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY. THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE RECOGNIZE AT ONCE THAT THE PROBLEM OF LONELINESS IN A GREAT CITY IS A MOST SERIOUS ONE FOR YOUNG MEN. FROM THEPOINT OF VIEW OF THE CONSERVATION OF CHARACTER, IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE FOR A CITY TO MAKE PROVISION FOR A FRIENDLY PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG MEN TO MEET OTHERS ON A HIGH PLANE OF LIFE.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY:

DURING OUR FISCAL YEAR THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS REQUIRED TO ENABLE US TO REACH OUR BUILDING FUND GOAL

OF ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS, AND THUS SECURE THE $80,000.00 CONDITIONAL GIFTS PROMISED BY THREE FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION, WERE SUBSCRIBED OR UNDERWRITTEN. THE SECURING OF THESE PLEDGES DOES NOT SOLVE THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR NEW BUILDINGS AS WE MUST INCREASE OUR MORTGAGE LOAN FROM THE $240,000.00 CONTEMPLATED IN 1928 TO $400,000.00, AS WELL AS MAKE COLLECTION OF THE $267,000.00 OUTSTANDING IN ORDER TO ERECT THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BUILDING AND THUS COMPLETE OUR BUILDING PROGRAM.

OUR MORTGAGE LOAN HAS BEEN ARRANGED AT A FAVORABLE INTEREST RATE, AND CARRIES THE PRIVILEGE OF REDUCTION IN ANY YEAR UP TO $50,000.00 IN THE EVENT OF OUR FORTUNATELY BEING IN RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM LEGACIES OR ANY OTHER SOURCES. THE INCREASE IN OUR LOAN IS DUE TO THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PLACE TWO ADDITIONAL FLOORS OF DORMITORIES ON THE STANLEY STREET BUILDING, AT A COST OF $75,000.00, AND AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF REMODELLING THE DRUMMOND STREET BUILDING.

YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATING LOCALLY A NEW AND FAVORABLE FIRE INSURANCE RATE ON THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH BUILDINGS.

DURING THE YEAR THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ASSOCIATION ON WELLINGTON STREET, POINT ST. CHARLES, WAS SOLD, AS THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE LOTS HAD BEEN BOUGHT DID NOT NOW EXIST.

TWO LEGACIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST ANNUAL MEETING, ONE OF 30 POUND FROM THE LATE JOSEPH ALLAN OF HADDINGTON, AND ONE FROM THE LATE MR. A.A. AYER OF $500.00.

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT LAST MAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BROUGHT DOWN LEGISLATION INCLUDING THE Y.M.C.A. AMONG THE OBJECTS TO WHICH GIFTS ARE DEDUCTIBLE FROM INCOME TAX RETURNS.

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE TWELVE MONTHS' PERIOD WAS THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE LAST MAINTENANCE FUND CAMPAIGN HAVING BEEN HELD IN 1927.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1928 AND 1929 WERE INCLUDED IN THE BUILDING FUND OBJECTIVE.

DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AN ORGANIZATION OF 350 WORKERS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. J.D. MCTAGGART, SECURED $100,621.38 FROM 2,527 SUBSCRIBERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, A SUPPLEMENTARY CAMPAIGN WAS CONDUCTED IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE FOR FUNDS FOR THEIR NEW BUILDING, AND $6,714.25 WAS SECURED BY A LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. JOHN EMO.

THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD, AS REPORTED BY THE HONORARY TREASURER, SHOWS A TOTAL OPERATING INCOME OF $363,362.68 AND EXPENDITURES OF $372.387.53, LEAVING A DEFICIT OF

$9,024.85 DUE TO ADDED COST OF OPERATING THE SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH BUILDING WITHOUT THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE FROM RESIDENCE ROOMS INCOME AND THE FACT THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCIAL CANVASS FELL SHORT OF ITS OBJECTIVE.

MEMBERSHIP:

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 31ST WAS 6,479 AS COMPARED WITH 7,088, BEING A DECREASE OF 610 MEMBERS OR 8½ PER CENT. IT WAS FREELY PREDICTED THAT IT WAS NOT PRACTICABLE TO OPERATE THE CENTRAL BRANCH DURING THE REMODELLING PERIOD. THE FACT, HOWEVER, THAT THE CENTRAL BRANCH LOST ONLY 282 MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR IS A TRIBUTE TO THE LOYALTY OF ITS CONSTITUENCY. THE MEMBERSHIP DECREASE IN THE OTHER BRANCHES REFLECTED THE CHANGING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926
CENTRAL	2,877	3,159	3,159	3,035	2,705	2,554
WESTMOUNT	797	834	894	825	656	629
NORTH	604	536	549	476	621	607
INTERNATIONAL	284	430	601	522	524	240
POINT ST.CHARLES	317	326	320	317	314	295
SOUTHWESTERN	876	892	224	235	248	193
ST. PAUL	...	255	310	309	252	189
MOUNT ROYAL AVE.	248	261	188	303	356	...
NOTRE DAME DE GRACE	111	...	...	...	...	...
CIVIC MEMBERS	365	395	395	365	331	292
	6,479	7,088	6,640	6,387	6,007	4,999

THESE FIGURES, OF COURSE, DO NOT INCLUDE THE HUNDREDS OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS WHO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION ONLY FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS OR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SHORT TERM MEMBERSHIP, NOR DO THEY INCLUDE THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE "Y", NOR DO THEY HAVE ANY REFERENCE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS, ESPECIALLY IN VERDUN, WHO USE THE ASSOCIATION AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE, NOR THE CONSTANT STREAM OF NEWCOMERS TO OUR CITY WHO ARE RENDERED AN IMPORTANT SERVICE OF A MISCELLANEOUS CHARACTER WITHOUT THEIR BEING REQUIRED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE ADDITION TO THE ASSOCIATION'S EQUIPMENT IN THE STANLEY STREET BUILDING, WE MUST FACE THE NEW YEAR WITH THE HIGH RESOLVE TO NOT ONLY WIN BACK THE MEMBERS LOST IN THE PERIOD OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BUT TO SECURE THE NUMBER REQUIRED TO FULLY OCCUPY OUR NEW FACILITIES. SHOULD THE BOARD DECIDE THAT IN VIEW OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD HAVE A CITY-WIDE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IN THE FALL, WITH A UNIFORM SCALE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES, GIVING THE RIGHT TO MEMBERS OF A GIVEN BRANCH TO USE THE FACILITIES OF ANY OR ALL OF THE BRANCHES, AS HAS BEEN DONE IN OTHER METROPOLITAN CITIES, IT IS HOPED THAT THERE WILL BE THE USUAL LOYAL RESPONSE ON THE PART OF OUR WORKERS.

THE ROCHESTER ASSOCIATION HAVE FOUND, THROUGH A SCIENTIFIC STUDY, THAT MEMBERS JOINING THE ASSOCIATION DURING CAMPAIGNS CONTINUE IN THE MEMBERSHIP, ON AN AVERAGE, AS LONG AS THOSE WHO JOIN IN THE DAILY COURSE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LIFE.

STAFF TRAINING:

ONE OF THE VITAL TASKS CONFRONTING THE MODERN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IS THE TRAINING OF ITS SECRETARIAT. THE WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS FIELD IN PAST YEARS HAS BEEN MARKED BY A CREATIVE SPIRIT, FLEXIBILITY OF METHOD, AND A DEVOTION WHICH MIGHT ALMOST BE CHARACTERIZED AS A CRUSADE. IT HAS BEEN A LONG AND DIFFICULT TASK TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN SUFFICIENT MEN OF THE RIGHT SPIRIT TO GIVE LEADERSHIP TO ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE HAD PRECISELY THE SAME NUMBER OF SECRETARIES ON OUR REGULAR STAFF AS DURING THE YEAR PREVIOUS -- 33. SEVEN SECRETARIES ATTENDED THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN EMPLOYED OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD IN DETROIT IN MAY, TWO ATTENDED THE SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOL AT LAKE COUCHICHING IN AUGUST; AND ONE ATTENDED THE SUMMER SCHOOL AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. IN ADDITION, THREE SECRETARIES ATTENDED THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AT NIAGARA FALLS; ONE ATTENDED THE BOYS' WORK SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION AT HAMILTON; ONE TOOK PART IN THE ORIENTATION WEEK AT THE SPRINGFIELD Y.M.C.A. COLLEGE, AND TWO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATION HELD IN DETROIT. YOUR GENERAL SECRETARY ALSO ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION AT NIAGARA FALLS. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, A STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WAS HELD WEEKLY FOR THREE MONTHS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DR. E.M. BEST, DR. W.T.B. MITCHELL, AND OTHERS.

STAFF CHANGES FOR THE YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. K.H. MURRAY RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH TO BECOME PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE WESTMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. D.J.F. SCOTT, B.A., TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRANCH IN ORDER TO RETURN TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

MR. SMITH MURRAY RESIGNED AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH IN ORDER TO PURSUE HIS STUDIES AT THE SPRINGFIELD Y.M.C.A. COLLEGE.

MR. R.J. SMITH RESIGNED AS PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH BRANCH IN ORDER TO ENTER BUSINESS.

MR. HAROLD E. SMITH WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE STAFF OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARYSHIP OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH.

MR. J. CLARKE READY WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH UPON GRADUATION FROM THE SPRINGFIELD Y.M.C.A. COLLEGE.

MR. D.J. VAN BOMMEL WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRANCH AFTER HAVING SERVED FOR THIRTEEN YEARS AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE Y.M.C.A. IN CONSTANTINOPLE AND FIVE YEARS AS GENERAL SECRETARY IN TURIN, ITALY.

MR. R.S. CUFFE WAS APPOINTED RESIDENCE SECRETARY IN THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

MR. REG. KELLY WAS APPOINTED SENIOR DIVISION SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH UPON GRADUATION FROM THE Y.M.C.A. COLLEGE, CHICAGO.

MR. E.E. SAUNDERS ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF OFFICE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH AFTER EXPERIENCE WITH THE ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR. H.M. PEACOCK WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH WITH SPECIAL RELATION TO BOYS' WORK.

MR. JAMES SAMSON WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE WESTMOUNT BRANCH UPON GRADUATION FROM THE Y.M.C.A. COLLEGE AT SPRINGFIELD.

MR. C.J. MCGERRIGLE WAS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ST. PAUL BRANCH IN NOVEMBER, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN THE NEW SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH BUILDING.

MR. H.M. DEVENNEY WAS APPOINTED TO THE STAFF OF THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH WITH SPECIAL RELATION TO THE WORK OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THAT COMMUNITY.

KAMP KANAWANA:

THE SEASON OF 1930 WAS KNOWN IN OUR BOYS' CAMP AS "COMING OF AGE" YEAR. THE CAMP HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION ALTHOUGH, IN 1890, OR FORTY YEARS AGO, THE FIRST BOYS' CAMP OF THE ASSOCIATION WAS OPENED AT LAC ST. JOSEPH. THE CAMP BIRTHDAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED EARLY IN JULY, WHEN MR. W.J. HOLLIDAY, THE FIRST CAMP DIRECTOR, DELIVERED AN INSPIRING ADDRESS, AND MR. GNAEDINGER, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE, GAVE A TALK REMINISCENT OF THE DAYS WHEN A CAMP OF THIRTY-FIVE BOYS WAS CONSIDERED LARGE. THE SEASON JUST CLOSED ESTABLISHED A NEW HIGH MARK IN POINT OF ATTENDANCE, THERE BEING 1512 BOY WEEKS, AN INCREASE OF 432 OVER LAST YEAR; AND 447 BOYS, COMPARED WITH 347. THE BOYS CAME FROM ALL PARTS OF MONTREAL AND SUBURBS, ORMSTOWN, OTTAWA, STRATFORD, NAPANEE, NEW YORK, ST. LOUIS, WASHINGTON, D.C., NEW HAVEN AND TEXAS. THE USUAL ACTIVE AND HELPFUL PROGRAM CHARACTERIZED THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

CAMP OTOREKE:

THE ATTENDANCE OF YOUNG MEN AT CAMP OTOREKE TOTALLED 159 WHICH WAS A DECREASE OF 46 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR WAS CARRIED THROUGH ALONG LINES WHICH HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED DURING THE FORTY YEARS OF ITS HISTORY.

METROPOLITAN BOYS' WORK:

THE YEAR JUST ENDED SAW A REPITITION OF THE USUAL FINE INTER-BRANCH CO-OPERATION AND COMPETITION, AND A DEFINITE GROWTH IN ESPRIT DE CORPS.

EARLY IN THE FALL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CABINETS OF EACH BRANCH MET IN CONFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. W.R. COOK, NATIONAL BOYS' WORK SECRETARY. THE RESULT WAS TO GIVE A MORE DEFINITE CITY-WIDE CONSCIOUSNESS TO OUR WHOLE WORK, AND PUT A GREATER SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY ON THE BOYS THEMSELVES.

FATHER AND SON BANQUETS WERE HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT WESTMOUNT, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH, AND CENTRAL BRANCH. SPEAKERS WERE REV. J.W. CLARKE, DR. E.M.BEST, MR. R.H. DEAN, AND DR. E. LESLIE PIDGEON. THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE WAS ALMOST ONE THOUSAND FATHERS AND SONS.

INTER-BRANCH COMPETITION WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE PING-PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHEN THE WINNERS FROM EACH BRANCH WERE PITTED AGAINST THE OTHER WINNERS OF THEIR OWN AGE. CHAMPIONSHIPS WENT TO SOUTHWESTERN (TWO), CENTRAL AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE. THE ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SWIMMING MEET WAS WON BY WESTMOUNT. A SEVEN-TEAM BASKETBALL LEAGUE, FOR BOYS UNDER WIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, WAS PARTICIPATED IN BY RAILROAD, NORTH, CENTRAL, MOUNT ROYAL, NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, WESTMOUNT AND SOUTHWESTERN BRANCHES, AND WAS A VERY WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY.

UNDOUBTEDLY THE EVENT WITH THE FINEST EDUCATIONAL VALUE IS THE MONTREAL BOYS' HOBBY SHOW, WHICH WE HAVE SPONSORED SINCE INCEPTION. THIS YEAR IT INCLUDED NOT ONLY THE BRANCHES OF THE Y.M.C.A. BUT ALSO HAD THE OFFICIAL ENDORSATION OF AND REPRESENTATION FROM THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION, THE Y.M.H.A., THE SALVATION ARMY LIFE SAVING SCOUTS, THE WEREDALE BOYS' HOME, AND THE KNIGHTS OF HONOUR OF ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH. THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF BRANCHES AND CO-OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS COMPOSED THE HOBBY SHOW BOARD, AND WORKED DILIGENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY FROM EARLY IN DECEMBER TILL THE SHOW WAS ACTUALLY COMPLETED. THEY PLANNED THE BOOKLET, SECURED THE ADVERTISEMENTS, GOT COMPETITIVE PRICES ON PRINTING, LET THEIR CONTRACT, FOLLOWED THE BOOK THROUGH THE PRESS, AND THEN DISTRIBUTED THE COPIES. THEY SECURED JUDGES AND SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS. THE PRESIDENT ARRANGED FOR ONE OF HIS BOARD TO SPEAK BEFORE EACH OF THE SERVICE CLUBS, AND OBTAINED THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS AND MEDALS FROM THE LIONS, THE GYRO, AND KIWANIS CLUBS. THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE PURPLE CIRCLE, THEY WERE ABLE TO BROADCAST SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE EXHIBITION. FINALLY, THEY RECEIVED THE ENTRIES, SAW THEM JUDGED, POLICED THE SHOW WHILE IT WAS ON, AND SUPERVISED THE RETURN OF THE EXHIBITS TO THE EXHIBITORS. AN INNOVATION THIS YEAR WAS THE ADMISSION OF GIRLS TO ELIGIBILITY AS EXHIBITORS. THE RESULTS WOULD JUSTIFY EXPANSION IN THIS DIRECTION, IN ALL, THERE WERE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED EXHIBITORS, WITH OVER ONE THOUSAND EXHIBITS.

THROUGHOUT OUR CITY WORK WE FIND BOYS ASSUMING REAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM OF THEIR BRANCHES, AND WE BELIEVE THEY ARE TRAINING THEMSELVES FOR POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

RELIGIOUS:

FROM TIME TO TIME ONE HEARS COMPLAINTS THAT THE "C" IN THE Y.M.C.A. IS NOT EMPHASIZED AS MUCH AS SHOULD BE THE CASE. DR. ERNEST F. TITTLE, IN DELIVERING AN ADDRESS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMAL OPENING OF A NEW ASSOCIATION BUILDING RECENTLY, SAID: "IF AN ORDER MUST HOLD REGULAR RELIGIOUS MEETINGS OF A TRADITIONAL AND A CONVENTIONAL SORT TO BE A CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION, THEN IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT TO SOME EXTENT THE Y.M.C.A. HAS LOST ITS "C"; BUT IF WHAT MAKES AN INSTITUTION CHRISTIAN IS A PROFOUND REGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE, A COURAGEOUS UNSURRENDERED INSISTENCE UPON THE INFINITE WORTH OF A HUMAN SOUL, AN EAGERNESS TO GIVE TO EVERY MAN AND TO EVERY MAN'S SON A REAL CHANCE TO CLIMB TO THE PEAK OF HIS OWN POTENTIAL SELF, AND IS THE FAITH AND SPIRIT OF JESUS, THEN THE "C" IS STILL THERE."

THE ASSOCIATION HAS USED MANY METHODS DURING THE YEAR TO PLACE A CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS UPON ALL OF ITS WORK. THESE HAVE INCLUDED PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, DISCUSSION AND STUDY GROUPS, CONFERENCES AND FORUMS, FIRESIDE SING-SONGS, SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSICALES, CAMP-FIRE TALKS AND DEVOTIONS, VESPER SERVICES, RESIDENT MEMBERS' BREAKFASTS, FOREIGN SERVICE MEETINGS, OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER, AS WELL AS THE MANNER OF CONDUCTION ALL THE FEATURES OF THE MANY SIDED PROGRAM OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT.

THE 1931 YOUNG MEN'S FORUM OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE FORUM IS TO UNIFY LIFE BY BRINGING ALL MOTIVES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF RELIGION AND MAKING THAT RELIGION CHRISTIAN; REALIZING THAT THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF LIFE CANNOT ADVANCE WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, RIGHT THINKING BEING AS NECESSARY TO SPIRITUAL ADVANCE AS THE RIGHT WILL. THE PROGRAM WAS BUILT AROUND THE THEME:

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9. SHALL WE TRY CHRISTIANITY?
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SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE:

TWELVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE DIFFERENT MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS ATTENDED THE COLLEGE DURING THE PAST ACADEMIC YEAR. IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT INTEREST AND ENROLMENT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AT THE LEVEL OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, IN THE FACE OF THE DIFFICULT CONDITIONS OF THE PAST WINTER. THE STUDENTS WERE REGISTERED IN THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

	1931	1930	1929	1928
COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND COMMERCE	77	30	0	0
HIGH SCHOOL.....	450	378	332	288
INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY...	501	563	508	439
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.....	172	235	180	178
SCHOOL OF ART.....	23	0	0	0
TOTALS.....	1,223	1,206	1,020	905

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT, WHEREAS OUR REGISTRATION HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE DEPRESSION, IN THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND IN THE UNIT BUSINESS COURSES, A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ENROLMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE HIGHER CURRICULAR PROGRAMS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

A MAJOR CHANGE IN THE COLLEGE SITUATION DURING THE YEAR HAS BEEN THE OCCUPATION OF THE NEW SPACE AND USE OF NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPANSION PROGRAM. A TOTAL OF 30 CLASSROOMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE, WITH TWO SCIENCE LABORATORIES, A SCIENCE LECTURE ROOM, A GENERAL LECTURE HALL, AND ADEQUATE LIGHTING AND VENTILATION. PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS. A WORD SHOULD BE SAID CONCERNING THE PROVISION IN THE EXPANSION PROGRAM OF FACILITIES FOR THE PROPER TEACHING OF THE SCIENCES. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EVER-EMPHASIZE THE INFLUENCE OF THE SCIENCE WORK, WHICH WILL NOW BE POSSIBLE, UPON THE WHOLE PROGRAM OF OUR CURRICULAR SCHOOLS. OVER FOUR HUNDRED STUDENTS THIS YEAR ARE ENROLLED IN SCIENCE COURSES.

GENERAL SCIENCE, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND BIOLOGY ARE CONSIDERED NOT AS MASSES OF FACTS TO BE ACQUIRED, BUT AS AVENUES TO NEW WORLDS, INFINITE AND TEEMING WITH BEAUTY.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE STUDENT BODY IS INTERESTING. THE AGES OF THE STUDENTS RANGE FROM TWELVE YEARS TO FIFTY-TWO YEARS; THE AVERAGE AGE IS TWENTY YEARS -- I.E., HALF THE STUDENTS ARE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OR OVER AND HALF TWENTY YEARS OR UNDER. THE PLACES OF BIRTH OF OUR STUDENTS REPRESENT THIRTY-TWO COUNTRIES. THE RELIGIONS OF THE STUDENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PROTESTANT	71.17%
ROMAN CATHOLIC	15.76%
HEBREW	12.07%
OTHERS	1.00%
	100.00%

THE STAFF OF THE COLLEGE NOW EXCEEDS FIFTY PERSONS. MANY OF THE INSTRUCTORS ARE BECOMING INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ARE ASSOCIATING THEMSELVES IN VARIOUS WAYS WITH PRLJECTS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH THE QUALITY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES.

A NUMBER OF THE FINAL YEAR STUDENTS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL WERE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL AT THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY. SEVEN STUDENTS ACHIEVED A MARK OF OVER 90% IN THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS. ONE STUDENT SECURED 100% IN THE GEOMETRY PAPER AND 98% IN PHYSICS. A STUDENT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF OUR COLLEGE COURSE TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE SENIOR EXAMINATIONS AT MCGILL. THIS STUDENT, EMPLOYED DURING THE DAY, TOOK THE ENTIRE FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY COURSE IN ONE YEAR OF EVENING STUDY IN OUR OWN CLASSES.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO RECORD OUR DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE INTEREST AND GENEROSITY OF THE LATE ABNER KINGMAN, ESQUIRE. MR. KINGMAN, BEFORE HIS DECEASE, ESTABLISHED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH WILL PROVIDE, IN PERPETUITY, FIVE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE VALUE OF FIFTY DOLLARS EACH.

CITY-WIDE RELATIONSHIPS:

THE LEADERS OF THE ASSOCIATION HAVE REALIZED FOR MANY YEARS THAT THE Y.M.C.A. IS ONE OF THE MANY AGENCIES AT WORK IN THE WORLD WITH THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A REIGN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO THIS END HAS SOUGHT TO ALLY ITSELF TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR BETTER SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS IN OUR CITY. AS A RESULT, MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN CO-OPERATION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. IN SOME CASES THE PART THE Y.M.C.A. HAS PLAYED HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY SMALL ONE; AT OTHER TIMES IT HAS MADE A CONTRIBUTION OF FIRST IMPORTANCE.

AMONG THE AGENCIES WITH WHICH THE ASSOCIATION HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CO-OPERATING HAVE BEEN THE FOLLOWING:

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:

PROTESTANT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.
MEN'S BROTHERHOOD FEDERATION.
DANISH, GERMAN CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN, HUNGARIAN AND ITALIAN PROTESTANT CHURCHES.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL.
BAPTIST EXTENSION BOARD.
BAPTIST MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION.
BOYS' WORK BOARD.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNDION.
INTERDENOMINATIONAL WOMEN'S PRAYER CIRCLE.

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

BOYS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION.
BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION.
MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES.
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.
VERDUN PROTESTANT HOSPITAL.
MENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE.
FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION.
CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CHOIR.
FINANCIAL FEDERATION -- ALMOST THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION STAFF SHARE ANNUALLY IN THE WORK OF THIS CAMPAIGN.
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION.
MACKAY INSTITUTE FOR DEAF AND DUMB.
CITY OF VERDUN DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION.
CITY OF MONTREAL DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION.
PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.
ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.
CHILDREN'S BUREAU.
JUVENILE COURT.
MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL -- SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL -- SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
WESTERN HOSPITAL -- SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.
POPPY DAY RELIEF FUND.
HERVEY INSTITUTE.
CENTRAL REGISTRATION BUREAU.
OLD BREWERY MISSION.

SETTLEMENTS:

ST. COLUMBA HOUSE.
IVERLEY SETTLEMENT.
SHAWBRIDGE BOYS' FARM AND TRAINING SCHOOL.
BRITISH IMMIGRATION SOCIETY HOSTEL.
UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT.
LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

EDUCATIONAL:

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.
MONTREAL PROTESTANT SCHOOLS.
VERDUN PROTESTANT SCHOOL TRUSTEES AND SCHOOLS.
OUTREMONT PROTESTANT SCHOOLS.
WESTMOUNT PROTESTANT SCHOOLS.
McGILL UNIVERSITY -- DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL RELATIONS.

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION.
MCGILL STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
SEA SCOUTS.
ST. GEORGE'S SCOUTS.
DELPHIC MUSIC WEEK.
MONTREAL JUNIOR AVIATION LEAGUE.
WEREDALE PLAYERS.
LEAGUE AGAINST ALCOHOL.
BOY LIFE COUNCIL.
BOYS' HOME OF MONTREAL.
SAILORS' INSTITUTE.
BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION,
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC SAFETY LEAGUE.
PURPLE CIRCLE.
SOKOL GYMNASIUM UNION.
OUTREMONT AND NORTH END WOMEN'S CLUB.

NATIONAL SOCIETIES:

NORWEGIAN.
GREEK.
ARMENIAN.
HUNGARIAN.
CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN.
GERMAN.
RUSSIAN.
ITALIAN.
SYRIAN-CANADIAN.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, MEMBERS OF THE STAFF ARE ACTIVELY SERVING ON COMMITTEES, BOARDS, ETC., OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.

CHURCHES.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
PROFESSIONAL BOY WORKERS' CLUB.
MCGILL STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF QUEBEC.
MARITIME PROVINCES CLUB.
JUNIOR AVIATION LEAGUE OF CANADA.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL.
DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.
BOY LIFE COUNCIL.
MONTREAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES.
PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.
BOYS' WELFARE ASSOCIATION.
MONTREAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.
MACKAY INSTITUTE.
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL LEAVING AND ABSENTEEISM.
M.C.S.A. COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH.
EDUCATION AND RECREATION DIVISION, M.C.S.A.
SOCIAL WORKERS' CLUB.
NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTRE.
FAMILY WELFARE COUNCIL OF ROSEMOUNT.
ROTARY CLUB.
ST. LAWRENCE KIWANIS CLUB.
LIONS CLUB.

METROPOLITAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE CLOSE AFFINITY BETWEEN A HEALTHY BODY AND A CLEAN CHARACTER, AND HAS ENDEAVORED TO PROVIDE WHOLESOME PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETIC RECREATION FACILITIES FOR BOYS AND MEN OF ALL AGES.

THE GYMNASIUM CLASSES HAVE CONTINUED TO BE THE BACKBONE OF OUR PROGRAM, ORGANIZED AND INSTRUCTED GROUPS RECEIVING CAREFULLY PLANNED AND PROGRESSIVE TRAINING IN BODY-BUILDING, HEALTH PRODUCING AND MUSCULAR EFFICIENCY EXERCISES. THESE CLASSES, WHILE SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT WISH ANY OTHER FORM OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE, ALSO SERVE TO INTRODUCE OTHERS TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROVIDED. THE SPORTS AND GAMES PROGRAMME OF THE ASSOCIATION IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR.

BASKETBALL, WHICH IS PLAYED IN ALL BRANCHES, RANKED FIRST IN POPULARITY. HOUSE LEAGUES WITH ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TEAMS OF MEN AND BOYS; AND REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS IN CITY LEAGUES FROM SOUTHWESTER(2), NORTH(3), WESTMOUNT(1) CENTRAL (3), AND POINT ST. CHARLES(9), GAVE PLENTY OF SCOPE FOR ALL GRADES OF PLAYERS. SOUTHWESTERN ALSO ENTERED A TEAM IN THE CITY LADIES' INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE. CENTRAL HAD EIGHT MEN'S TEAMS IN THEIR FALL AND THIRTEEN IN THEIR SPRING HOUSE LEAGUES.

HANDBALL AT NORTH, WESTMOUNT AND CENTRAL WAS VERY POPULAR WITH BUSINESS MEN AS WELL AS YOUNG MEN, AND THE COURTS WERE ALWAYS CROWDED.

VOLLEYBALL INCREASED IN POPULARITY, AND CENTRAL, SOUTHWESTERN AND NORTH BRANCHES ENTERED TEAMS IN THE CITY LEAGUE, CENTRAL FINISHING RUNNER-UP TO M.A.A.A., THE CHAMPIONS. WESTMOUNT ALSO PLAYED BUT NOT IN THE LEAGUE.

BADMINTON HAS COME TO STAY IN THE ASSOCIATION. WESTMOUNT, NORTH, MOUNT ROYAL, SOUTHWESTERN AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE ALL HAD ORGANIZED CLUBS OF MEN AND WOMEN PLAYING DURING THE WINTER. WESTMOUNT LADIES' CLUB CONDUCTED MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS FOR SILVER SPOONS, AND MET SEVERAL OTHER CLUBS IN FRIENDLY RETURN MATCHES. THE FINALS OF WESTMOUNT'S CLOSING ANNUAL TOURNAMENT IN APRIL WERE A SOCIAL EVENT OF IMPORTANCE.

HOCKEY AND SKATING WERE CARRIED ON IN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES. TWO BRANCHES HAD RINKS CONSTRUCTED ON THEIR OWN GROUNDS -- NOTRE DAME DE GRACE AND SOUTHWESTERN -- THE LATTER BY THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION. MOUNT ROYAL AND WESTMOUNT USED THE CITY RINKS. FIVE BRANCHES PLAYED HOCKEY, THERE BEING 56 TEAMS IN ACTION. SOUTHWESTERN HAD A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 19,000 SKATERS DURING THE WINTER, AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE AVERAGED 200 PER DAY.

NORTH BRANCH HAD EIGHT TENNIS COURTS AND WESTMOUNT SIX, AND BOTH THESE BRANCHES HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASONS. THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH HAVE JUST OPENED THEIR EIGHT NEW COURTS AND NOTRE DAME DE GRACE WAS PREPARING THEIRS. TENNIS WILL BE A MAJOR ACTIVITY BY NEXT YEAR.

ALL FIVE BRANCHES HAVING SWIMMING POOLS CONDUCTED LEARN-TO-SWIM CLASSES AND CAMPAIGNS IN THE SUMMER MONTHS -- CENTRAL, WESTMOUNT, NORTH, POINT ST.CHARLES, AND SOUTHWESTERN -- WITH ABOUT 500 PUPILS ENROLLED.

WESTMOUNT, SOUTHWESTERN AND NORTH BRANCHES CONDUCTED GYMNASIUM CLASSES FOR WOMEN AND SWIMMING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH HAVE A SEPARATE DIVISION WITH ALL-DAY PROGRAMS, WHILE TWO OTHER BRANCHES USE ONLY THE MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON HOURS WHEN THE EQUIPMENT IS OTHERWISE IDLE FOR THIS WORK.

INTER-BRANCH COMPETITIONS:

THE SEVERAL BRANCHES PARTICIPATED IN INTER-BRANCH LEAGUES IN THE FOLLOWING:

SOFTBALL, IN THE SUMMER, WITH 6 TEAMS; WON BY CENTRAL.
BASKETBALL -- JUVENILES (UNDER 18 YEARS), WITH 7 TEAMS -- WESTMOUNT AND NORTH TIED FOR FIRST PLACE.
BADMINTON -- MEN AND WOMEN -- SINGLES, DOUBLES AND MIXED; 4 BRANCHES COMPETING -- WON BY WESTMOUNT, ALL DIVISIONS.
SWIMMING MEET -- BOYS UNDER 18,16,14, AND 12 YEARS WITH FOUR BRANCHES. WON BY WESTMOUNT.

OUTSTANDING FEATURES IN THE BRANCHES WER AS FOLLOWS:

INTERNATIONAL:

HIRED THE ALEXANDRA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AND USED IT FOR THE CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN SOKOL SOCIETY GYMNASTIC TEAM, AND FOR A BOY SCOUTS TROOP, COMPOSED OF RUSSIAN, ITALIAN AND SYRIAN BOYS, AND LED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE BRANCH.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH:

GYMNASIUM LEADERS LED PHYSICAL WORK IN CHURCHES.

THE OUTING CLUB OF FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN PROMOTED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS OTHER FEATURES.

HELD A CIRCUS FOR TWO NIGHTS, WITH 80 PARTICIPANTS AND 600 TO 700 ATTENDANCE.

NORTH BRANCH:

DUNLOP ROAD RACE ON THANKSGIVING DAY, WITH 8 TEAMS AND 41 RUNNERS ENTERED. A NEW RECORD FOR THE COURSE WAS SET BY FRANKTON OF M.A.A.A. -- FIVE MILES IN 25'26 4/5". MCGILL TEAM WON.

SWIMMING FOR GIRLS EMPHASIZED.

LADIES' GYMNASIUM CLASS INAUGURATED.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE:

PLAYGROUND LEVELLED, EQUIPPED AND OPERATED WITH GOOD PROGRAM OF SOFTBALL, TREASURE HUNTS, BONFIRES, AND GAMES.

RUGBY -- 11 SQUADS OF BOYS PLAYED IN FALL.

BUILT A RINK WITH DRESSING HOUSE, LIGHTS, ETC.

ICE CARNIVAL WITH 400 PARTICIPANTS.

USED SCHOOL GYMNASIUMS FOR BASKETBALL AND BADMINTON.

WESTMOUNT:

LEADERS CORPS CONDUCTED GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING CLASSES FOR BOYS OF THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, AND FOR THE MACKAY INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

GYMNASTIC EXHIBITIONS AT NEW YEAR'S AND IN THE SPRING, THE PROCEEDS OF THE LATTER TO GO TO THE FOREIGN WORK BUDGET.

SKIING HIKES ON THE MOUNTAIN.

SOUTHWESTERN:

BUILT A RINK ON THE PROPERTY.

TENNIS COURTS OPENED THIS SPRING.

CIRCUS IN MARCH WITH ATTENDANCE OF 1000 MEN AND WOMEN PARTICIPATING.

MIXED SWIMMING PARTIES, ONE HOUR, SATURDAY NIGHTS.

ALL ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED.

CENTRAL:

BOXING -- WON THREE CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ONE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP. GAVE INVALID SOLDIERS AT STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE A SPECIAL PROGRAM. TOOK PART IN MANY TOURNAMENTS.

WRESTLING -- WON FIVE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WERE CONDUCTED BY AND AT CENTRAL. WON THREE DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WINNIPEG. WON Y.M.C.A. TOURNAMENT WITH THREE FIRST.

BASKETBALL -- WON CITY AND PROVINCIAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS DEFEATING QUEBEC, SHERBROOKE AND OTTAWA; AND LOST DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIP TO TORONTO WEST END "Y" BY THREE POINTS. INTERMEDIATES WON Y.M.H.A. CITY TOURNAMENT. SENIORS FINISHED SECOND IN CITY LEAGUE, FOUR POINTS BEHIND THE LEADERS.

VOLLEYBALL -- RUNNERS-UP TO M.A.A.A. IN CITY LEAGUE.

GYMNASTICS -- CONDUCTED 2ND ANNUAL A.A.U. PROVINCIAL GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH TEAMS FROM McGILL, WESTMOUNT "Y" SOKOL SOCIETY, FINNISH GYMNASTIC SOCIETY AND CENTRAL. McGILL WON TEAM PRIZE AND A CENTRAL MAN THE ALL-ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP.

HANDBALL -- CONDUCTED A CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WITH 56 ENTRIES.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS -- 250 GIVEN.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH SERVICE DEPARTMENT WITH SOLARIUM LAMPS, ELECTRIC LIGHT CABINET, MASSAGE, ETC., PROVED VERY POPULAR AND WELL PATRONIZED.

POINT ST. CHARLES:

HELD AN ATHLETIC FIELD DAY FOR THE SCHOOLS OF POINT ST. CHARLES IN OCTOBER WITH 1500 ENTRANTS. BOWLING LEAGUE WITH 12 TEAMS.

HOCKEY CARNIVAL WITH 200 PARTICIPANTS IN COSTUME, AND 2000 SPECTATORS.

SOFTBALL -- 22 TEAMS.

TENNIS -- 2 TENNIS COURTS WITH 40 MEMBERS IN CLUB.

SOUTHWESTERN:

THE OUTSTANDING ADVANCE IN THE ASSOCIATION'S SERVICE DURING THE YEAR WHICH HAS JUST CLOSED WAS THE COMPLETE OPERATION FOR TWELVE MONTHS OF THE NEW SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH BUILDING LOCATED IN VERDUN. THE CONTRIBUTION MADE TO THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY HAS JUSTIFIED IN FULL MEASURE THE INVESTMENT OF TIME AND MONEY WHICH WAS MADE IN THIS BUILDING.

IN ADDITION TO THE INTENSIVE PROGRAM CARRIED ON THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS AND YOUNG MEN AND BOYS, THE BUILDING HAS BEEN, IN AN UNUSUAL SENSE, A COMMUNITY CENTRE. THE AUDITORIUM HAS BEEN USED BY TWENTY-TWO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS, WHILE OTHER ROOMS IN THE BUILDING HAVE BEEN USED BY AS MANY MORE. THE WORK HAS HAD THE ACTIVE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY OFFICIALS OF VERDUN, THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES, PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF THE PROTESTANT SCHOOLS, THE MINISTERS, THE PRESS, MERCHANTS, INDUSTRIES AND CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE MAIN ADDITIONS TO THE EQUIPMENT WERE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX TENNIS COURTS, THE LEVELLING FOR THE PLAYING FIELD WHICH ADJOINS THE BUILDING, AND THE OPENING OF THE C.T. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, THE LATTER MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROUS GIFT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM MRS. C.T. WILLIAMS IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND, A FORMER PRESIDENT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY WHERE THERE IS NO PUBLIC LIBRARY, OVER TWO THOUSAND VOLUMES HAVE BEEN PLACED UPON THE BOOK-SHELVES, INCLUDING AN UNUSUALLY FINE SELECTION IN THE FIELDS OF ART, ECONOMICS, RELIGION, NATURE STUDY, POETRY, BIOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND FICTION, WITH A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN. THIS LIBRARY HAS MADE A DISTINCT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PROGRAM AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

AMONG THE OUTSTANDING PROGRAM EVENTS OF THE YEAR WERE THE NORTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY EVENING WHEN NEARLY SIX HUNDRED EMPLOYEES SPENT AN ENJOYABLE EVENING USING THE GYMNASIUM, SWIMMING POOL, BILLIARD ROOM AND SOCIAL FACILITIES, CONCLUDING THE EVENING WITH A SOCIAL DANCE; THE SCHOOL TEACHERS TEA IN OCTOBER WHEN OVER ONE HUNDRED TEACHERS, TRUSTEES AND OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT; THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF Y.M.C.A'S FROM EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC ATTENDED FOR THREE DAYS BY TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE DELEGATES. AMONG THE OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS AT THIS CONFERENCE WERE DR. SHERWOOD EDDY,

DR. E.M. BEST, CANON ALLAN P. SHATFORD AND TAYLOR STATTEN.

THE ASSOCIATION MADE A DISTINCT CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS DURING THE WINTER BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, COAL, CLOTHING, ETC., TO NEEDY FAMILIES.

THE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE YEAR REACHED A PEAK OF 1,204, OF WHOM 469 WERE WOMEN AND GIRLS AND 735 WERE MEN AND BOYS. DUE TO GENERAL CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE PRESENT MOMENT IS SLIGHTLY UNDER 900.

THE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY INCLUDED THE CARRYING ON IN THE VERDUN PROTESTANT HOSPITAL OF CLASSES IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION, THE CONDUCTING OF TWO FREE SWIMMING CAMPAIGNS AND THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE EXPERIMENT WHICH HAS BEEN CARRIED ON FOR OVER A YEAR WITH A SERVICE TO THE FAMILY HAS AROUSED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST, BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. ON MARCH 31ST, THERE WERE ONE HUNDRED AND THREE FAMILY UNITS IN THE MEMBERSHIP. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT IN A SUBURBAN COMMUNITY THE POLICY OF ONE ORGANIZATION IN DEALING WITH THE FAMILY AS UNIT BY MEANS OF A BUILDING ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE IS A SOUND ONE AND QUITE IN HARMONY WITH PRESENT DAY EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY.

ON OCTOBER 31ST, 1930, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN ST. PAUL WARD WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE GLADSTONE AVENUE SCHOOL BUILDING TO THE NEW SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH BUILDING, AND ALL THE ST. PAUL MEMBERSHIPS WERE HONORED AT THE LATTER BRANCH. MR. C.J. MCGERRIGLE, B.A., WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE NOTRE DAME DE GRACE BRANCH TO ST. PAUL, AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CARRIED ON UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP FOR THE ST. PAUL COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN BUILDING, THE CONNAUGHT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, AND OUT-OF-DOORS. THIS PROGRAM INCLUDED THE USUAL RANGE OF ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES IN CO-OPERATION WITH INDUSTRIES, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND HOMES.

CENTRAL BRANCH:

IN SOME RESPECTS THE PAST YEAR WAS A MOST REMARKABLE ONE. BEGINNING WITH THE INITIAL EFFORTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRUMMOND STREET BUILDING REMODELLING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STANLEY STREET ADDITION, IT CLOSED WITH BOTH THESE PROJECTS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED. THE AMAZING THING IS THAT IN SPITE OF THE DISLOCATION INCONVENIENCED, OUR PROGRAM AND SERVICE, ALTHOUGH IMPAIRED AT TIMES, CONTINUED IN AN UNBROKEN MANNER. THE LOYALTY AND PATIENCE OF MEMBERS WAS PUT TO A SEVERE TEST AND GRATEFUL THANKS ARE DUE TO THOSE WHO SHOWED SUCH HELPFUL FORBEARANCE DURING THE TRYING PERIOD.

ALTHOUGH IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR THE MOST OF THE YEAR, THE LIBRARY HAS CONTINUED TO BE VERY POPULAR. A NUMBER OF NEW BOOKS WERE ADDED AND THE CIRCULATION WAS OVER 16,000. AN EXCELLENT SELECTION OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WERE IN ALMOST CONSTANT USE. THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE NEW FACILITIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE THIS AN EVEN MORE POPULAR FEATURE.

IN THE YOUNG MEN'S AND SENIOR SECTIONS, A NUMBER OF CLUBS HAVE CARRIED ON MOST WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS. THE SPOKE CLUB WON THE CITY DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP. THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB CONDUCTED THE FIRESIDE HOME HOUR AND PROMOTED THREE SPECIAL WORLD BROTHERHOOD EVENINGS. INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE SERIES OF LECTURES ON INVESTMENTS, MUSIC APPRECIATION AND HOMEMAKING WERE CONDUCTED WITH GREAT SUCCESS. THE DORMITORY COUNCIL, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GORDON MILNE, HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR AN EXCEEDINGLY ENJOYABLE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE "DORMITES".

THE ADDITION OF A ROOM, NEWLY EQUIPPED WITH ULTRA VIOLET RAY LAMPS, INFRA RED LAMPS, ELECTRIC BATH CABINET AND MASSAGE TABLE, TO THE PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT FACILITIES HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE SERVICE. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE GIVEN TO 228 MEMBERS. SWIMMING HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR. SEVENTEEN LIFE-SAVING AWARDS WERE ATTAINED. TWO HOUSE LEAGUES IN BASKETBALL WERE CONDUCTED, WITH 21 TEAMS PARTICIPATING. THE JUNIOR TEAM WON THE CITY, PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE BOXERS, WRESTLERS, AND GYMNASTS HAVE HAD AN EXCELLENT SEASON, HAVING WON 13 CHAMPIONSHIPS. HANDBALL, BASEBALL, BADMINTON AND VOLLEYBALL HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN. THE AGGREGATE PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE AMOUNTED TO 71,579.

IT WAS FOUND ADVISABLE TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE TWO UNEMPLOYMENT CENTRES UNDER THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS RATHER THAN WORK ALONE. BUT A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN SOUGHT FRIENDLY COUNSEL AND PRACTICAL GUIDANCE. IN THIS EFFORT IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO CO-OPERATE WITH MINISTERS, PARENTS, DOCTORS, BUSINESS MEN, SOCIAL AGENCIES, ETC., IN AN ENDEAVOR TO EFFECT HELPFUL ADJUSTMENTS. NINE CASES OF RUNAWAY BOYS WERE DEALT WITH, AND TWENTY-FIVE CASES OF YOUNG IMMIGRANT LADS WHO HAD LEFT FARMS WERE CONNECTED WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

THE WORK FOR BOYS WAS BADLY HANDICAPPED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DUE TO BUILDING OPERATIONS. NEVERTHELESS A REGULAR PROGRAM OF WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES WAS CARRIED OUT. INCREASINGLY THE BOYS' CABINET IS TAKING A GREATER SHARE IN THE INITIATION AND PROMOTION OF ACTIVITIES. THIS GROUP IS DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED BY THE BOYS THEMSELVES. THE BONDS BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION AND THE HOME WERE GREATLY STRENGTHENED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MOTHERS' CLUB, THE MOTHER AND SON BANQUET, THE FATHER AND SON BANQUET AND FAMILY NIGHT. FIFTEEN CLUBS FUNCTIONED DURING THE SEASON. THE HOSPITAL CHOIR CONTINUED THE SPLENDID SERVICE OF SINGING TO THE SICK KIDDIES IN THE CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL AND SHRINERS HOSPITALS. REGULAR MIXED PARTIES WERE HELD IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE Y.W.C.A.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCEPTED POLICY OF THE ASSOCIATION, THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUED CO-OPERATION WITH ALL OTHER CONSTRUCTIVE INSTITUTIONS IN THE CITY. THIS HAS TAKEN VARIOUS FORMS, SUCH AS SUPPLYING A PLACE TO MEET, LOAN OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT, PROVISION OF LEADERSHIP, SHARING IN DEFINITE PIECES OF WORK, ETC.

WESTMOUNT:

THE ASSOCIATION HAS ENDEAVORED TO BE A RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL FACTOR IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUN-

ITY BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND SELF-EXPRESSION.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR, THE MEMBERSHIP AMOUNTED TO 797, CONSISTING OF 234 MEN, 426 BOYS, 121 WOMEN AND 16 GIRLS. ALTHOUGH AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM PROVIDED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE MEMBERS, PARTICIPATION WAS NOT CONFINED TO THEM. ELEVEN CLUBS OR INSTITUTIONS HAVE USED THE SWIMMING POOL OR GYMNASIUM, TWENTY-TWO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE MADE USE OF MEETING ROOMS. IN ADDITION REGULAR EXTENSION SERVICE WAS RENDERED TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, THE DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTE, AND THE PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

THE VARIOUS LEADERS CORPS HAVE FUNCTIONED SUCCESSFULLY BOTH WITHIN THE BUILDING AND IN RENDERING COMMUNITY SERVICE. THE GYMNASIUM CLASSES, AUGMENTED BY HOCKEY IN WINTER AND SOFTBALL IN SUMMER, WERE WELL ATTENDED. VOLLEYBALL, HANDBALL AND BADMINTON WERE REGULAR FEATURES AND WELL PATRONIZED. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN THE VARIOUS COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS BASKETBALL, SWIMMING AND HOCKEY, WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS. DURING THE YEAR, NINETY-THREE WERE ENROLLED IN SPECIAL BEGINNERS' SWIMMING CLASSES.

WITH SIXTY-FIVE OF THE MALE MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT BOYS' WORK WOULD OCCUPY THE LARGEST PLACE IN THE PROGRAM. A MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT 61% LIVE IN WESTMOUNT; 34% IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE; 15% IN UPTOWN, ST. HENRI AND LACHINE DISTRICTS; WITH SCHOOL BOYS COMPRISING 86% OF THE TOTAL. INCREASINGLY THE BOYS ARE TAKING A GREATER SHARE IN THE CONTROL OF THE PROGRAM. TWENTY-ONE GROUPS, INCLUDING THE HI-Y., BOYS' CABINET, MODEL AIRCRAFT, STAMPS, ETC., HELD REGULAR MEETINGS. INSPIRATIONAL TALKS, LIFE PROBLEM DISCUSSIONS AND INTERVIEWS FORMED A PART OF GROUP ACTIVITIES. THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY, FATHER AND SON BANQUETS, FRIENDS' NIGHT, AND OLD BOYS' NIGHT, WERE EVENTS OF OUTSTANDING INTEREST.

ALTHOUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S AND SENIOR DIVISIONS ARE LARGELY PHYSICAL, CERTAIN FEATURES ARE WORTHY OF SPECIAL NOTE.

THE FOSSILS CLUB HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. THEY SENT TWENTY-SIX BOYS TO CAMP; GAVE $50.00 FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED BOYS' MEMBERSHIPS, AND DONATED BASEBALL EQUIPMENT TO ST. COLUMBA HOUSE.

THE FOSSILS DANCE, DORMITORY MEN'S XMAS DINNER, NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE, AND THE MEMBERS' BRIDGE AND DANCE, ALL PROVED VERY HELPFUL IN STRENGTHENING THE FELLOWSHIP WITHIN THE VARIOUS GROUPS.

THE DORMITORY CONTINUES TO BE A POPULAR RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG MEN, HAVING BEEN FILLED TO CAPACITY MOST OF THE TIME.

WESTMOUNT BRANCH SHARED IN THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATION BY CONTRIBUTING $1,514.00 OF WHICH $224.00 WAS SECURED BY THE BOYS.

NORTH BRANCH:

THE UNIVERSAL BUSINESS DEPRESSION AND ITS CONSEQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE MEMBERSHIP, THE OCCUPANCY OF RESIDENCE ROOMS, REVENUE AND, TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE, THE VOLUME OF PROGRAM. ON MARCH 31ST, THE MEMBERSHIP RECORDS SHOWED 205 MEN AND 296 BOYS, MAKING A TOTAL OF 502. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE 103 WOMEN AND GIRLS ENROLLED AS PRIVILEGE PARTICIPANTS, MAKING A GRAND TOTAL OF 604.

AS AN INCENTIVE FOR MEMBERS TO INTRODUCE THEIR FRIENDS INTO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION, AN EMBLEM CLUB WAS ORGANIZED. ALREADY TEN MEMBERS HAVE QUALIFIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THIS GROUP.

THIS BRANCH HAS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS CITYWIDE AND NATIONAL Y.M.C.A. AFFAIRS. THE SECRETARIES ATTENDED THE STAFF TRAINING CLASSES UNDER DR. BEST. TWENTY MEMBERS ASSISTED IN THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CANVASS. TWENTY DELEGATES ATTENDED THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWESTERN BRANCH, AND TWO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING AT NIAGARA FALLS. THE BRANCH WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE METROPOLITAN ANNUAL MEETING; THE CITY-WIDE COMMUNION SERVICE, SUMMER CAMPS, NIGHT SCHOOL, LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS.

A LARGE NUMBER OF SOCIAL EVENTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FELLOWSHIP AND ENJOYMENT OF MEMBERS. THESE INCLUDED DANCES, PARTIES, SUPPERS, ETC., WITH THE NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTION AS THE OUTSTANDING FEATURE.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATED WITH KEEN INTEREST IN THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PHYSICAL WORK. REGULAR ACTIVITIES INCLUDED GRADED GYMNASIUM CLASSES, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, HANDBALL, BADMINTON, AND SWIMMING, ALL OF WHICH WERE VERY POPULAR. THE BRANCH MADE A VERY CREDITABLE SHOWING IN THE CITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE, VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT, AND THE BADMINTON LEAGUE. THREE SECTIONS OF THE LEADERS CORPS MET REGULARLY. THE TRACK TEAM HAD A VERY ACTIVE SEASON. A PHYSICAL CULTURE CLASS FOR THE NORTH END WOMEN'S CLUB WAS CONDUCTED WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF TWENTY-ONE. OVER ONE HUNDRED GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN ENROLLED IN SWIMMING CLASSES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, AND ABOUT FORTY-FIVE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON.

THE INSTALLATION OF FORTY-TWO NEW STEEL LOCKERS HAS GREATLY ENHANCED THE DRESSING ROOM FACILITIES.

MANY OTHER IMPORTANT RENEWALS AND CHANGES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT, WHICH IMPROVE THE BUILDING VERY CONSIDERABLY.

THE EXCELLENT SERVICE RENDERED BY THE LADIES' AUXILIARY, AS WELL AS A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION OF $100.00 TOWARD THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WORK, IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

IN ORDER TO FURNISH THE YOUNGER MEN WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A WELL BALANCED PROGRAM, THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT HAS ARRANGED FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO BE DIVIDED INTO THREE DIVISIONS -- BOYS, YOUNG MEN'S AND MEN'S -- EACH UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A COMMITTEE WHICH WILL HAVE

COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THAT SECTION. IT IS FELT THAT UNDER THIS TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, THE NEEDS OF ALL CAN BE MET MUCH MORE ADEQUATELY.

WITH A CONSTANT EMPHASIS ON CO-OPERATION WITH THE HOME, THE BOYS' DIVISION THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAS CONSTANTLY SOUGHT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. EIGHT ORGANIZED CLUBS AND SEVEN HOBBY CLUBS, INCLUDING MODEL AIRCRAFT, BASKETRY, DRAMATICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, ELECTRICITY, AND SOAP CARVING, HAVE AFFORDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-EXPRESSION. A SPECIAL COURSE ON VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WAS CONDUCTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS. SPECIAL SERVICES WERE HELD ON THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND EASTER. SLEIGH DRIVES, HALLOWE'EN PARTY, SUPPERS, GAME TOURNAMENTS, HIKES, LEARN-SOMETHING TRIPS, HOCKEY, BASEBALL, AND FENCING, HAVE OCCUPIED AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE PROGRAM. THE ANNUAL FATHER AND SON BANQUET WAS ATTENDED BY 300. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE GIVEN TO 80 BOYS, AND 214 PARTICIPATED IN A LEARN-TO-SWIM CAMPAING. FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN DIFFERENT BOYS WERE MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR.

POINT ST. CHARLES AND TURCOT:

IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY, THE Y.M.C.A. PROVIDES SERVICE TO THE RAILROAD MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL WERE IN ALMOST CONSTANT USE.

SIXTY-FIVE TEAMS TOOK PART IN BASKETBALL, HOCKEY, SOFTBALL AND BOWLING LEAGUES. TWELVE HUNDRED ATTENDED FREE SWIMMING CLASSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. THE FREQUENT SMALL GROUP SOCIAL NIGHTS AND THE NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTION WERE WELL ATTENDED.

EMPLOYMENT WAS SECURED FOR FIFTEEN BOYS AND FIVE MEN.

HALF OF THE YOUNG MEN MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT NIGHT SCHOOL.

IN CO-OPERATION WITH BUSINESS MEN AND C.N.R. OFFICIALS, A SCHOOL FIELD DAY WAS CONDUCTED IN WHICH 1,500 PARTICIPATED.

MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF THE YEAR TOTALLED 316 IN THE POINT ST. CHARLES BRANCH.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE BRANCH:

ALTHOUGH SUFFERING SOMEWHAT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, THE MEMBERSHIP REMAINS AT 248, A FIGURE SLIGHTLY BELOW THAT OF LAST YEAR. THE YOUNG MEN'S DIVISION AND THE SENIOR DIVISION ARE STILL IN NEED OF REINFORCEMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROMOTION OF AN ADEQUATE PROGRAM.

THE YOUNG MEN'S SUNDAY STUDY GROUP HELD THIRTEEN SESSIONS, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 14. THE MAIN THEME OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS, "A YOUNG MAN'S PROBLEMS." THESE MEETINGS CULMINATED IN A CONFERENCE UNDER

THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. W.J. HOLLIDAY, AT WHICH 49 REGISTERED.

EIGHTY-FIVE VOLUMES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE LIBRARY, WHICH HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND RECATALOGUED. THE CIRCULATION FOR THE YEAR WAS OVER 1,000.

A STAMP CLUB AND LEATHERCRAFT CLUB, AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZED GROUPS, FUNCTIONED SUCCESSFULLY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON. NINETY-TWO FATHERS AND SONS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL BANQUET. WEEKLY MOVIES WERE HELD WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 2,500. HIKES, OUTINGS, SUPPERS AND GET-TOGETHERS ALL HELPED TO ROUND OUT A BALANCED PROGRAM. THE YOUNG MEN'S ROOM HAS BEEN MADE MORE ATTRACTIVE BY THE ADDITION OF A RADIO. THIS GROUP HAS SPONSORED EIGHT DANCES, WITH A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 1,000.

THE REGULAR GYMNASIUM CLASSES WERE WELL ATTENDED. IN THREE BASKETBALL LEAGUES, 107 PLAYERS PARTICIPATED IN 70 GAMES. ONE HUNDRED BOYS ATTENDED EACH CLASS OF THE SWIMMING CAMPAIGN. BADMINTON, HOCKEY AND AN OUTING CLUB WERE OTHER ACTIVITIES OCCUPYING AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE PROGRAM. A VERY WELL ORGANIZED CIRCUS, ATTENDED BY 300 PEOPLE, CLOSED A SUCCESSFUL INDOOR SEASON.

THE Y.W.C.A. USED THE BUILDING EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT DURING THE FALL AND WINTER SEASON.

A CO-OPERATIVE SCHEME BETWEEN THE CHURCHES IN ROSEMOUNT AND THE LOCAL BRANCH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND WILL BE INITIATED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET MORE ADEQUATELY THE NEEDS OF YOUTH.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY HAS RENDERED MOST WILLING AND CONSISTENT SERVICE, AND DESERVES THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR OF $10,718.20, WHICH INCLUDED A GRANT FROM THE METROPOLITAN JOINT FUND OF $8,500.00. EXPENDITURES AMOUNTED TO $10,660.68, LEAVING A SURPLUS OF $57.52.

INTERNATIONAL BRANCH:

ALTHOUGH THE MEMBERSHIP IN THIS BRANCH IS MADE UP OF MEN AND SOME WOMEN BELONGING TO TWENTY-SIX DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES, YET IN THE MINDS OF MANY "IT IS JUST LIKE A FAMILY." OUR LITTLE LEAGUE OF NATIONS DEMONSTRATES DAILY THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR MEN OF DIFFERENT TONGUES AND CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND MUTUAL APPRECIATION.

WHILE THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE, YET THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE PEOPLE WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH, UNEMPLOYMENT, EXHAUSTED RESOURCES, AND A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE "FOREIGNER" HAVE YIELDED MANY PROBLEMS. AS A CENTRE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CHEER, AND AS A PLACE WHERE ENGLISH AND OTHER USEFUL THINGS MAY BE ACQUIRED, THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN A REAL BLESSING.

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE CLASS SESSIONS IN ENGLISH WERE HELD WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 10,072. A NEWLY ORGANIZED CLASS IN FRENCH HAD AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF TWENTY.

IN TURN BY THE VARIOUS NATIONALITIES, HAVE CONTINUED WITH SPLENDID SUCCESS. THE Y.W.C.A. FREQUENTLY CO-OPATES IN THIS EFFORT.

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETING WAS HELD REGULARLY FROM OCTOBER TO MAY. THE HELPFUL MESSAGES DELIVERED BY THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS WERE MUCH APPRECIATED BY A LARGE GROUP OF YOUNG MEN.

A FORTNIGHTLY DISCUSSION GROUP, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SECRETARY PROVED VERY POPULAR.

OUR BRANCH IS THE MEETING PLACE FOR A NUMBER OF NATIONAL GROUPS. THE ITALIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLDS ITS REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE BUILDING. THE DANISH CHURCH ALSO HAS MADE FREQUENT USE OF THE ASSOCIATION ROOMS.

LECTURES ON COLONIZATION, THRIFT AND OTHER SUBJECTS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE SEASON. VISITS WERE MADE TO THE SICK AND NEEDY. A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AND DINNER WAS ORGANIZED FOR BOTH KIDDIES AND ADULTS WHO WERE OTHERWISE UNPROVIDED FOR.

WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF RUSSIAN, ITALIAN AND SYRIAN PASTORS, A GROUP OF BOYS WAS ORGANIZED INTO A SCOUT TROOP, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THREE BOARD MEMBERS, MESSRS. BURGOYNE, HOWICK AND D'AMATO.

IT IS VERY GRATIFYING TO HAVE A NUMBER OF CONSULS AND FOREIGN PASTORS EXPRESS THEIR INTEREST AND APPRECIATION IN THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE.

THIS BRANCH HELD ITS FIRST ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 15TH, 1931 HAVING BEEN IN OPERATION A LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ASSOCIATION BRANCH NECESSITATES A GREAT DEAL OF UNSEEN WORK. A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY HAS TO BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN THE CONDITIONS AND FACTORS WITH WHICH THE ASSOCIATION MUST DEAL. THE COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES MUST BE STUDIES, AND THE NEED DETERMINED. THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION MUST BE INTERPRETED TO THE COMMUNITY, AND A CONSTITUENCY OF FRIENDS BUILT UP WHO WILL UNDERTAKE TO ORGANIZE AND MAINTAIN THE WORK AS WELL AS DIRECT ITS POLICY AND PROGRAM. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS DIRECTION DURING THE PAST YEAR.

A VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY 500 FEET BY 254 FEET HAS BEEN PURCHASED, NORTH OF MONKLAND AVENUE, FACING ON BOTH ROYAL AND HAMPTON AVENUES. IT HAS BEEN PREDICTED THAT IN TEN YEARS THIS WILL BE THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY TWICE THE PRESENT SIZE OF NOTRE DAME DE GRACE. IT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST ASSOCIATION PROPERTIES IN CANADA.

THE ASSOCIATION PROGRAM HAS INCLUDED THE FORMATION OF A BADMINTON CLUB, BASKETBALL LEAGUES, SOFTBALL, RUGBY, HOCKEY, HIKES, ETC. THE RINK HAD A DAILY ATTENDANCE OF 200. ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE BOYS TOOK PART IN HOCKEY LEAGUES AND 110 IN RUGBY LEAGUES. FIFTY YOUNG MEN PLAYED BASKETBALL UNDER DIRECTION OF THE "Y". TWENTY-TWO MARRIED COUPLES PARTICIPATED IN THE BADMINTON

CLUB. A HI-Y CLUB, BOYS' CABINET, AND OTHER ORGANIZED GROUPS HAVE PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. THE NU DELTA GAMMA CLUB, A YOUNG MEN'S GROUP, HAVE RENDERED VERY HELPFUL SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION.

THE PLAYGROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN FREELY USED BY ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF BOTH SEXES. WILLINGDON SCHOOL HAS HELD GYMNASIA PERIODS ON ASSOCIATION PROPERTY.

A SMALL FEE OF $1.00, DESIGNED TO REGISTER THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A., IS CHARGED TO MEMBERS. AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR THERE WERE 111 MEMBERS -- 14 MEN, 16 YOUNG MEN, 68 BOYS, AND 13 LADIES. IT IS WELL TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT MANY WHO TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES ARE NOT REGISTERED MEMBERS.

TO DATE, $60,000.00 HAS BEEN EXPENDED IN PURCHASING PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, ETC. PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FURTHER GROUND IMPROVEMENTS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE RECEIPTS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THE BUILDING FUND HAVE AMOUNTED TO $29,850.00. IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE SEEN THAT THE METROPOLITAN BOARD IS PROCEEDING IN ALL GOOD FAITH TOWARD THE REALIZATION OF A BRANCH AND A BUILDING IN THIS DISTRICT.

OBITUARY:

WE ARE SORRY TO RECORD THE REMOVAL BY DEATH OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS:

THOS. ALCOCK.
MRS. JOHN ALLAN.
S.J. ALTON.
THOMAS ANDERSON.
J.A. AYERST.
H.A. BARNARD.
MRS. S.M. BAYLIS
J.W. BENNING.
D.R. CLARKE
P.A. DOIG.
W.F. EMPEY.
HOWARD S. FRASER.
N.A. GALT.
A.A. GIDDINGS.
N.J. HOLDEN.
ABNER KINGMAN.
REV. G.F. KINNEAR.
EUGENE LAFLEUR, K.C.
JAS. MCBRIDE.
R. MCKENZIE.
REV. J.B. MCLEOD.
TERRENCE MCKEOWN.
WM. MCMASTER.
DEAN H.M. MACKAY.
W.R. MILLER.
E.L. PEASE.
HON. J.L. PERRON
WM. RAYNES.
J. MCK. REA.
GRACE M. ROBERTSON
C. HOWARD SMITH.
M.M. TAIT.
MRS. RICHARD TEES.
L.C. TARLTON.
J.M. THOMPSON.
HERBERT F. WALKER.
JOHN JOS. WALKER.
J.L. WALDIE.
GEO. WEIR.
P.B. WILSON.
J.J. YORK.

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE NAMES IS THAT OF THE LATE MR. ABNER KINGMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM 1890 TO 1892, WHO FOR FIFTY-FIVE YEARS WAS AN INTERESTED AND HELPFUL MEMBER OF THE Y.M.C.A., SERVED ON ITS VARIOUS COMMITTEES, WAS LATER ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE. DURING THE WORLD WAR HE RENDERED AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION IN ITS SERVICE TO THE CANADIAN OVERSEAS FORCES, AND DURING THE YEARS 1915 TO 1918 ACTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERSEAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE Y.M.C.A. AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION OF

APPRECIATION OF HIS LIFE AND SERVICE, AND SYMPATHY WITH HIS FAMILY IN THEIR GREAT LOSS, HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN BOARD.

MR. KINGMAN'S NAME WILL BE PERPETUATED IN THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH THE ANNUAL AWARD OF FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS IN OUR SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE AND IN THE "ABNER KINGMAN" MEMORIAL LECTURE HALL ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

APPRECIATION:

THERE ARE MANY FACTORS WHICH COMBINE TO MAKE POSSIBLE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK IN THE Y.M.C.A. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY OF THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES; TO THE WORKERS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OTHER CAMPAIGNS; TO MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR THEIR FREQUENT COUNSEL, GUIDANCE AND SERVICE; TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SERVED AS FRIENDLY COUNSELLORS OF CLUBS; INTERVIEWERS; SPEAKERS; TEACHERS; INTERPRETERS; MINISTERS; TO THE PRESS; THE MEMBERS OF THE LEADERS' CORPS; THE STAFF; TO THE CHURCHES; THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES; THE PROTESTANT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS; RAILROAD AND OTHER CORPORATIONS; PARKS AND PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION; THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND MANY OTHER CO-OPERATING AGENCIES. ABOVE ALL, WE ARE IN HUMILITY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSING AND POWER.

CONCLUSION:

THE EDITOR OF THE CALCUTTA "STATESMAN" SAID RECENTLY THAT "THE Y.M.C.A. IS ONE OF THE GREAT FACTS UPON WHICH THE WORLD HAS MADE UP ITS MIND, PRONOUNCING IT TO BE A BENEFICENT INFLUENCE. WE ARE PROUD OF ITS RECORD, WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORK IT IS DOING NOT ONLY IN INDIA BUT WHEREVER IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE Y.M.C.A. WERE DESTROYED TO-MORROW IT WOULD BE NECESSARY AGAIN TO INVENT IT, FOR IT FILLS AN ESSENTIAL PLACE IN SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION.".

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

J.W. BEATON

GENERAL SECRETARY.